



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Rebecca Giello, Interim Director
Economic Development Department

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DATE: February 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Update on Resolution No. 20181018-038, Amplified Sound Compatibility Engagement

This memorandum serves to provide an update and a notification of extension regarding City Council Resolution No. [20181018-038](#), directing City Staff to propose programs, rules, and ordinances necessary to improve compatibility between residents, lodging establishments, and music-related businesses so that they may co-exist peacefully and amicably share in Austin's world-renowned night-time economy. Staff was also directed to consider stakeholder suggestions, including those found in Exhibits A, B, and C of this [Resolution](#) and other recommendations identified in the course of the stakeholder feedback process and report to City Council no later than February 14, 2019.

In October 2018, The Economic Development Department (EDD) brought on the Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI) as a consultant in areas of expertise related to community planning with collaborative solutions to managing nightlife challenges, including amplified sound compatibility and the creation of safe, vibrant and economically prosperous places to socialize. In coordination with the Communications and Public Information Office, EDD is leading a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process to inform recommendations to Council.

Staff intends to provide final recommendations to Council no later than April 30, 2019. For more information about the work underway on this resolution, please visit <https://www.speakupaustin.org/economic-development-sound-compatibility>.

This site will be updated as staff and the consultant conclude work associated with the community engagement plan and more information becomes available.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, 512-974-3045, should you have additional questions.

xc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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